

ILLINOIS

MIDWEST OER SUMMIT | JANUARY 2024

OVERVIEW



College of DuPage and College of Lake County held the Illinois Community Colleges OER Summit in 2018. 220 community college faculty, staff, and administrators attended the event.



OER IN ILLINOIS HIGHER EDUCATION SURVEY

The Illinois Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board released the survey in 2020. It assessed the status of OER usage and integration at higher education institutions. 65 institutions responded.

ILLINOIS OER SENIOR LEADERS SEMINAR

70 leaders from higher education institutions attended the seminar in 2021. Sponsored by MHEC and offered by the Open Education Network, it clarified rationales for open education initiatives and the potential for connections between open education and strategic priorities.



COLLEGE COURSE MATERIALS AFFORDABILITY AND EQUITABLE ACCESS TASK FORCE

2022 legislation created the task force to conduct a study on affordability and equitable access course materials.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH THE CONSORTIUM OF ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH LIBRARIES IN ILLINOIS (CARLI)

- Membership to Open Education Network (OEN)
- Earning the Open Education Network (OEN) Certificate
- Earning the Creative Commons Certificate (with MHEC)
- Training on open pedagogy and understanding OER

FOSTERING ACCESS, AFFORDABILITY & EQUITY

ICCB funded the Office of Community College Research and Leadership (OCCRL) to develop the 2021 report "Fostering Access, Affordability, and Equity: A Primer on the Role of Open Educational Resources in Illinois Career and Technical Education" exploring the perceptions on the rate of adoption and OER in CTE programs of study.

OPEN ILLINOIS OER HUB

- 3,000+ RESOURCES
- 29 INSTITUTIONS WITH INDIVIDUAL HUBS

INSTITUTIONAL INITIATIVES

Universities and community colleges developing institutional initiatives:

- FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS
- OER INTEGRATION INTO COURSES
- COURSE MARKING
- COST SAVINGS TRACKING
- STUDENT SURVEYS

OER included in the Illinois Perkins V State Plan to support removing barriers for Career & Technical Education (CTE) students and educators to access high-quality instructional resources.

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

SUPPORT FOR CREATION OF OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES (SCOERS) GRANT

- \$2M OPEN TEXTBOOKS PILOT GRANT TO CARLI
- 27 OER MATERIALS DEVELOPED

ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE & RESEARCH LIBRARIES FORUM (IACRL)

- THE OER CAMPUS KICKSTART PROGRAM PROVIDED \$500 GRANTS TO SMALL COLLEGES TO BEGIN OER WORK. 5 AWARDS WERE MADE WITH COURSE IMPLEMENTATION TO OCCUR IN FALL 2023 AND SPRING 2024. FUNDING WAS PROVIDED BY MHEC

NEXT BIG THINGS

- CARLI STUDENT SURVEY - 3,000 RESPONDENTS, 29 INSTITUTIONS
- \$3M IN STATE FUNDING THROUGH ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY FOR OER DEVELOPMENT
- WORKSHOP DEVELOPMENT ON THE INTERSECTION OF OER & DEI

WAYS MHEC CAN HELP

ADVOCATE FOR CONTINUED FUNDING



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